



Newsletter 11
Nordic Bookbinding Society
June 2024

Dear Fellow Bookbinders,

WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE NORDIC BOOKBINDING EXHIBITION, NORDIC NATURE!

The exhibition will be open to all the Nordic bookbinders and book artists and all the members of the Nordic Bookbinding Society. The name of the exhibition is Nordic nature. Both title and author of the book you choose are optional. One of the participants will be awarded the PA prize (150 €) for outstanding craftsmanship. Participation fee for students is half price.

The exhibition will be held in the National and University Library of Iceland in Reykjavik and will open 23rd of April 2025 with some festivities and activities for guests. The speakers and program are to be confirmed. The exhibition will be displayed throughout the summer 2025. There will also be a digital exhibition on a website where photos and 3D scans of the books will be available. The photos of the bindings will also be posted on the NBS Instagram account.

Participation fee for members is 1000 SEK and student members 500 SEK. For non-members 1200 SEK and for student non-member 600 SEK. The fee covers the cost of returning postal costs, an online web exhibition/catalogue and partially organising costs.

Important Dates:

- Closing date for entry: 30 September 2024
- Books to be delivered before: 31 January 2025
- Opening of the exhibition: 23 April 2025 in the National and University Library of Iceland
- Exhibition dates: 23 April – end of summer 2025

The exhibition is organised by Nordic Bookbinding Society in cooperation with the National and University Library of Iceland.

For more information and for registration see our website: <https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/nordic-nature/>

AN ANNUAL MEETING ONLINE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Our articles of the association, which were approved by the Copenhagen Congress in the summer 2023, do not mention having an annual meeting, only a Joint Nordic Congress every three years. Therefore, the Joint Nordic Congress remains as the main decision-making body where the changes to the statutes can be made. The board feels an annual meeting gives the members a chance to influence and to monitor the association's activities more often and we have decided to have an annual meeting.

At the annual meeting an annual report and finances of the previous financial term can be presented to members. Our financial term ends at the end of June.

This annual meeting will choose a new chairman to replace Martin Degn, who resigned last autumn. The tasks of the chairman have now been performed by the acting chairman Tarja Rajakangas, who was a vice chairman.

The board was chosen for a three-year period at the Copenhagen Congress. At the moment the board doesn't have any Danish members and we hope to welcome a representative from Denmark to the board at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting will be held 16.9.2024. at 18.00 Swedish time.

The meeting will be held online to allow as many members as possible to participate. An invite with the agenda will be sent to members and registration will open closer to the meeting date.

The program for the annual meeting:

A show and tell by Vibeke Luther
Break / Time for questions
Annual meeting
Plans for Nordic exhibition in Reykjavik 2025

Show and tell:

Artists' Books
printing working thinking

An in-depth presentation and talk by Vibeke Luther at Crow Press.

Crow Press, an artist-led press, have worked with poets and writers making and exhibiting Artists' Books since 2017. This show and tell hosted by Nordic Bookbinding Society will guide you behind the scenes from Crow Press studio and workshop, exploring the book as an art form, expression, editions or a unique piece.

<https://www.crowpress.no>

Duration: 45 min including Q&A

For all members and members only!

WELCOME TO JOIN NBS AS A MEMBER!

Here is the link to signing up to be a member:

<https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/plans/different-memberships/>

This society and its activities are aimed at all levels of bookbinders and book artists, whether professional, retired, students or amateurs. We also warmly welcome organisations and companies as well as supporting members and all kinds of book enthusiasts. To be a member you don't have to live in a Nordic country.

You are all very welcome to join and help build this bookish community together!

SURVEY ON WORKSHOPS/COURSES

To be able to offer relevant workshops and courses in the future, NBS education committee would like to hear what kind of topics you are interested in. All are welcome to participate, members and non-members. We would also love to hear if you would like to lead and/or host a workshop in a Nordic country.

Last day for answering the survey is Sunday 23rd of June 2024.

Here is the link to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/VXNfKDyrQDr3RRFB8>

All responses are voluntary and confidential, we do not gather email addresses.

NBS education committee is looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much for your answers!

MEETING IN LUND, SWEDEN 12.–14.4.2024

NBS invited Nordic bookbinders, book artists, and book enthusiasts for a spring gathering in Lund, Sweden. There were some interesting visits and wonderful gatherings, meeting old and new friends. Lund welcomed us with cherry and magnolia trees in bloom. The board from NBS is very grateful for the participants who were able to come! Many thanks to all our hosts and board members Johanna, Kristine, and Anna-Karin for organising the meeting!

Read more about it in our first blog post here:

<https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/meeting-in-lund-12-14-april-2024/>

INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/nordicbookbindingsociety/>

All Nordic binders and members of NBS! You can send pictures of your works and a short text in English to Lars Hedegaard wedderkop@hotmail.com.

COMMITTEES

This is where society's exciting work happens! The committees are an essential part of planning and organising the activities, so this is a great opportunity to help build the new society!

All members who would like to be actively involved are warmly welcomed to join a committee in the field of their interest: Communication, Education or Exhibitions.

To join in please contact the contact persons of the committees by email:

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Wishing you lovely summer days!

Johanna, Anna-Karin, Kristine, Vibeke, Thomas, Einar, Claudia, Pii and Tarja

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